

# STOKES FORCED TO PLEAD.

GRANTED UNTIL THIS MORNING TO ANSWER THE INDICTMENT.

To be finally arraigned today—His appearance yesterday—Effect of his counsel—His plea—The court's decision—The court of oyer and terminer, Judge Ingraham on the bench, yesterday, prepared to dispose of the large amount of criminal business that awaits its action. The announcement that Edward S. Stokes, the murderer of Philip, was to be arraigned and required to plead to the indictment found against him in February last, drew a multitude to the court room, which was crowded before 10 o'clock, notwithstanding that the officers at the door scrutinized all applicants for admission, and sought to keep out all more morbid curiosity seekers. The late and the court was unable to find a place within the room, who remained waiting the opportunity to stare at the prisoner as he should pass in. Within the enclosure reserved for members of the bar were congregated a large number of eminent criminal lawyers, among them Henry L. Smith, District Attorney General, the Countess of Arundel, Algernon S. Sullivan, John McKean, Wm. F. Howe, ex-Judge E. B. Edwards, S. W. Price, and others. Sheriff Brennan and Order of Arrest Clerk Jarvis were also in attendance at an early hour.

**A FALSE ALARM.**  
At precisely 10 o'clock there was a movement near the door of the court room, and several deputy sheriffs appeared, heading a procession of prisoners, chained together two and two. The people in the court room rose to their feet and stretched their necks to look at the prisoners. The procession, however, did not enter the courtroom, but stopped in the hall, where the prisoners were taken into custody by the sheriff's men. The prisoners were taken to the jail, and the court room was cleared of the crowd.

John McKean approached the venerable Clerk Sparks, and held a long, whispered conversation with him. McKean then turned to the venerable Father of the Caliph, and spoke to him. McKean then turned to the venerable Clerk Sparks, and held a long, whispered conversation with him. McKean then turned to the venerable Father of the Caliph, and spoke to him.

At 10:30 the noted prisoner was taken in. He came through the door, and was taken to the courtroom. He was taken to the courtroom, and was taken to the courtroom. He was taken to the courtroom, and was taken to the courtroom.

Stokes' changed appearance. The long incarceration with his own conscience has had its effect on Stokes. He is now a different man from the one who was taken into custody in February last. He is now a different man from the one who was taken into custody in February last.

**THE DEMAND OF JUSTICE.**  
The judge took his seat on the bench at 10:40, when Mr. Stokes called the roll of the jury. The jury was called, and the trial began. The trial began, and the trial began. The trial began, and the trial began.

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# FLIGHT OF A SPECULATOR.

The Breaking up of the House of Selmer & Co., and the Flight of the Gold Speculator.

Wall street was excited, yesterday, by the announcement that Edward R. Selmer, partner in the firm of Selmer & Co., brokers, 11 Broadway street, had disappeared with the funds of the firm and about \$40,000 belonging to other persons.

Melville is about 45 years old, and lived in Brooklyn, where he has a wife and family. He has been known for years in Wall street as a man of good business talents and integrity.

For three months past Mr. Selmer, whose residence is in New York, N. Y., has been sick and unable to give personal attention to his business. The news of his partner's flight reached him at his home in New York.

Mr. Selmer's flight was a surprise to all who knew him. He was a man of good business talents and integrity. He was a man of good business talents and integrity. He was a man of good business talents and integrity.

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# CUBA'S GREATEST VICTORY.

VALMASEDA'S BROKEN PROMISE TO THE MADRID CABINET.

A Merry Attempt to Substantiate the Bribery of the Havana-High Treason in the Cuban Camp Summarily Refuted.

Correspondence of the Sun.  
Havana, May 15.—Now that all Havana, all Cuba, and all the world interested in Cuban affairs know that Valmaseda has not fulfilled his promise to the Madrid Cabinet to suppress the revolution by the 1st of April, it is interesting to people to know the action on which he based his promise. That the revolution could not be stamped out by force of arms has been patent to all in and out of the island who have taken the trouble to follow the course of events and to divine beneath the surface and get at the secret story of Cuban affairs.

It was well known that Gen. Dulce, on his return to Spain, stated to the Spanish Cabinet that Spain had lost possession of Cuba when the riotous volunteers expelled him and well-to-do citizens from Havana.

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# THE MOUNTAINS OF FIRE.

Whole Forests Destroyed in a Single Night—The Fire Sweeping Down the Mountains into the Villages—Mills and Farm Houses Burned—Heavy Losses.

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# FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

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# Business Notices.

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